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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005 issued in the above-identified U.S. patent application. In view of the following remarks and the amendments to the claims and drawings, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper.

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